

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
WESTERN DIVISION

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SPENCER Robinson

(Enter above the full name  
of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in  
this action)

vs.

Case No: 08 C 50107  
(To be supplied by the Clerk of this Court)

Nedra Chandler

Wendy MEYER

Reinhard

(Enter above the full name of ALL  
defendants in this action. Do not  
use "et al.")

CHECK ONE ONLY:

- ☒ COMPLAINT UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, TITLE 42 SECTION 1983  
U.S. Code (state, county, or municipal defendants)
- ☐ COMPLAINT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION ("BIVENS" ACTION), TITLE  
28 SECTION 1331 U.S. Code (federal defendants)
- ☐ OTHER (cite statute, if known)

**BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS COMPLAINT, PLEASE REFER TO "INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
FILING." FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

## I. Plaintiff(s):

- A. Name: SPENCER ROBINSON
- B. List all aliases: NONE
- C. Prisoner identification number: N-71571
- D. Place of present confinement: DIXON CORRECTIONAL CENTER
- E. Address: 2600 N. BRINTON AVE. DIXON IL. 61021

(If there is more than one plaintiff, then each plaintiff must list his or her name, aliases, I.D. number, and current address according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

## II. Defendant(s):

(In A below, place the full name of the first defendant in the first blank, his or her official position in the second blank, and his or her place of employment in the third blank. Space for two additional defendants is provided in B and C.)

- A. Defendant: Nedra Chandler  
 Title: Warden  
 Place of Employment: DIXON CORRECTIONAL CENTER,
- B. Defendant: Wendy Meyer,  
 Title: Mailroom SUPERVISOR  
 Place of Employment: DIXON CORRECTIONAL CENTER.
- C. Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have more than three defendants, then all additional defendants must be listed according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

### III. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies

You are required to exhaust all your available administrative remedies before bringing an action in federal court.

A. Is there a grievance procedure available at your institution?

YES (✓) NO ( ) If there is no grievance procedure, skip to F.

B. Have you filed a grievance concerning the facts in this complaint?

YES (✓) NO ( )

C. If your answer is YES:

1. What steps did you take?

I filed a grievance on 12-18-07

2. What was the result?

COUNSELOR'S RESPONSE, WAS, PER MAILROOM SUP.  
WENDY MEYER, THE MAIL WAS SENT BACK TO HIM  
FOR MORE POSTAGE, IT WAS MAILED IN A TIMELY MANNER  
AFTER VOUCHER WAS RECEIVED.

3. If the grievance was not resolved to your satisfaction, did you appeal? What was the result (if there was no procedure for appeal, so state.)

YES I did - - MY APPEAL TO THE DIRECTOR WAS  
DENIED<sup>BY</sup> MELODY J. FORD AND ROGER E. WALKER  
JR.

D. If your answer is NO, explain why not:

E. Is the grievance procedure now completed? YES (✓) NO ( )

F. If there is no grievance procedure in the institution, did you complain to authorities? YES ( ) NO ( )

G. If your answer is YES:

1. What steps did you take?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What was the result?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

H. If your answer is NO, explain why not:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IV. List ALL lawsuits you (and your co-plaintiffs, if any) have filed in any state or federal court (including the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois):

- A. Name of case and docket number: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. List all plaintiffs (if you had co-plaintiffs), including any aliases: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. List all defendants: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Court in which the lawsuit was filed (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Name of judge to whom case was assigned: \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Basic claim made: \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Disposition of this case (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?): \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Approximate date of disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE FILED MORE THAN ONE LAWSUIT, THEN YOU MUST DESCRIBE THE ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS ON ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER, USING THIS SAME FORMAT. REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY CASES YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED, YOU WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FROM FILLING OUT THIS SECTION COMPLETELY, AND FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF YOUR CASE. CO-PLAINTIFFS MUST ALSO LIST ALL CASES THEY HAVE FILED.**

## V. Statement of Claim:

State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe precisely how each defendant is involved. Include also the names of other persons involved, dates, and places. **Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes.** If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. (Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

I was summoned to answer a divorce petition  
In The Superior Court of Fulton County State of  
Georgia, with a deadline of November 19<sup>th</sup> of 2007.  
I filed my answer to the petition on October 31<sup>st</sup>  
of 2007, had it notarized, attached a money  
Voucher And put it in Dixon's Correctional Center  
Mailbag on October 31<sup>st</sup> of 2007. Money was  
taken from my account for extra postage on  
November 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007. I have attached a  
transaction statement, from Dixon's correctional  
center's trust funds, showing that after  
payment was received Dixon's mailroom  
delayed in the disbursement 16 days, causing  
a judgement of default to be entered against  
me. which I have also attached a copy  
of final judgement - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

VI. Relief:

State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments.  
Cite no cases or statutes.

I would like to be awarded \$50,000  
for my losses caused by delaying my  
mail -

CERTIFICATION

By signing this Complaint, I certify that the facts stated in this Complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that if this certification is not correct, I may be subject to sanctions by the Court.

Signed this 16 day of June, 2008

Spencer Robinson

(Signature of plaintiff or plaintiffs)

SPENCER ROBINSON

(Print name)

N- 71571

(I.D. Number)

Dixon Correctional Center

2600 N. Brinton Ave.

Dixon IL 61621

(Address)



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

Tina Robinson,

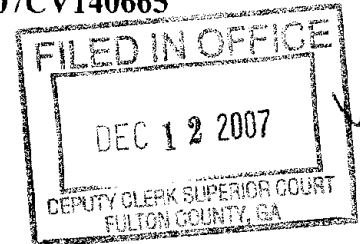
Petitioner,

v.

Spencer Robinson,

Respondent.

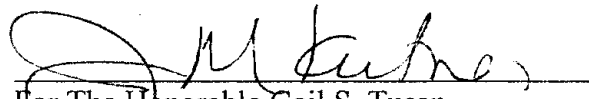
Civil Action File No. 2007CV140665



**FINAL JUDGMENT AND DECREE**

Upon consideration of this case and upon evidence submitted as provided by law, with Petitioner appearing on November 11, 2007 before this Court and evidence taken, and Respondent failing to appear and no answer made to the Petition for Divorce, it is the judgment of the court that a total divorce be granted, that is to say a *divorce a vinculo matrimonii*, between the parties to the above-stated case upon legal principles. And it is considered, ordered, and decreed by the court that the marriage contract heretofore entered into between the parties to this case, from and after this date, be and is set aside and dissolved as fully and effectually as if no such contract had ever been made or entered into, and Petitioner and Respondent in the future shall be held and considered as separate and distinct persons altogether unconnected by any nuptial union or civil contract, whatsoever, and both shall have the right to remarry. Petitioner is restored to her former name, to wit: Roberts. Any property in Petitioner's possession shall be awarded to her.

SO ORDERED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

  
For The Honorable Gail S. Tusan  
Judge, Superior Court of Fulton County

Order prepared by:  
Mariel Risner, Attorney for Petitioner  
The Georgia Law Center for the Homeless  
100 Edgewood Avenue NE, Suite 1625  
Atlanta, GA 30303

07-12-106

Date: 12-18-07	Offender: (Please Print) SPENCER ROBINSON	ID#: N-71571
Present Facility: Dixon	Facility where grievance issue occurred: Dixon	

**NATURE OF GRIEVANCE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of Good Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Conduct	<input type="checkbox"/> Dietary	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Transfer Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): 3rd FLY/TH	

☐ Disciplinary Report: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility where issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Protective Custody Denials may be grieved immediately via the local administration on the protective custody status notification.

**Complete:** Attach a copy of any pertinent document (such as a Disciplinary Report, Shakedown Record, etc.) and send to:  
 Counselor, unless the issue involves discipline, is deemed an emergency, or is subject to direct review by the Administrative Review Board.  
 Grievance Officer, only if the issue involves discipline at the present facility or issue not resolved by Counselor.  
 Chief Administrative Officer, only if EMERGENCY grievance.  
 Administrative Review Board, only if the issue involves transfer denial by the Transfer Coordinator, protective custody, involuntary administration of psychotropic drugs, issues from another facility except personal property issues, or issues not resolved by the Chief Administrative Officer.

**Brief Summary of Grievance:** I'm filing this grievance against Dixon C.C. Mail room for ~~neglect~~ negligence. On October 31<sup>st</sup> of 2007 I sent legal mail to mailroom with a money voucher for extra needed postage, which was 17 cent more, that was taken from my account on November 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007 this mail was clearly marked as privilege mail which I had a dead line to meet with a courtroom in Atlanta, GA who has now entered a judgement of default against me, because the Dixon C.C. mailroom neglected to send my mail out in a proper manner they ~~kept~~ kept my mail 15 day after money for extra postage.

**Relief Requested:** I wish to be compensated for my loss caused by their neglect open for discussion

☐ Check only if this is an EMERGENCY grievance due to a substantial risk of imminent personal injury or other serious or irreparable harm to self.

Spencer Robinson N-71571 12-18-07  
Offender's Signature ID# Date

(Continue on reverse side if necessary)

<b>Counselor's Response (If applicable)</b>	
Date Received: 12-18-07	<input type="checkbox"/> Send directly to Grievance Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Outside jurisdiction of this facility. Send to Administrative Review Board, P.O. Box 10277, Springfield, IL 62794-9277
Response: <u>Per mailroom Sup. Wendy Meyer, the mail was sent back to to him for more postage. It was mailed in a timely manner after voucher was received. Which is A LIE!!</u>	
<u>Terry Hughes</u> Print Counselor's Name	<u>Terry Hughes</u> <u>12-19-07</u> Counselor's Signature Date of Response

<b>EMERGENCY REVIEW</b>	
Date Received: _____	Is this determined to be of an emergency nature?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; expedite emergency grievance
	<input type="checkbox"/> No; an emergency is not substantiated. Offender should submit this grievance in the normal manner.
Chief Administrative Officer's Signature _____	Date _____

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
RESPONSE TO OFFENDER'S GRIEVANCE

## Grievance Officer's Report

Date Received: December 27, 2007 Date of Review: January 24, 2008 Grievance # (optional): 07-12-106Offender: Robinson, Spencer ID#: N71571

Nature of Grievance: Mailroom, delivery

**Facts Reviewed:** This Grievance Officer notes Inmate Robinson's concern regarding the delivery of his legal mail. Inmate Robinson states that he mailed a legal letter and attached a money voucher with extra postage (17cents). He states that mailroom staff neglected to send his mail out and therefore caused him to miss a legal deadline, resulting in a judgment of default against him. He is asking to be compensated for his loss based on his allegation that mailroom staff were negligent in their duties.

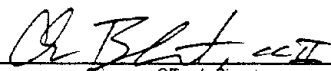
According to the Mailroom Supervisor, Inmate Robinson's mail was sent back to him due to insufficient postage. She further states that when he provided the necessary postage, his mail was processed in a timely manner.

This Grievance Officer cannot substantiate Inmate Robinson's allegations of staff misconduct by mailroom staff and therefore cannot recommend that he be compensated as requested.

**Recommendation:** Based upon a total review of all available information, this Grievance Officer is reasonably satisfied Inmate Robinson's postage issue has been addressed and recommends this grievance be denied.

Chris Barnhart, CCII

Print Grievance Officer's Name



Grievance Officer's Signature

(Attach a copy of Offender's Grievance, including counselor's response if applicable)

## Chief Administrative Officer's Response

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I concur ☐ I do not concur ☐ Remand

Comments:

Chief Administrative Officer's Signature

Date

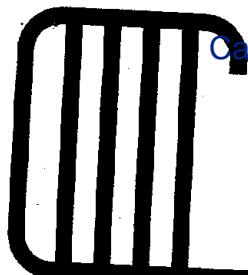
## Offender's Appeal To The Director

I am appealing the Chief Administrative Officer's decision to the Director. I understand this appeal must be submitted within 30 days after the date of the Chief Administrative Officer's decision to the Administrative Review Board, P.O. Box 19277, Springfield, IL 62794-9277. (Attach a complete copy of the original grievance, including the counselor's response, if applicable, and any pertinent documents.)

Offender's Signature

ID#

Date



**Illinois**  
Department of  
**Corrections**

**Rod R. Blagojevich**  
Governor

**Roger E. Walker Jr.**  
Director

1301 Concordia Court / P.O. Box 19277 / Springfield IL 62794-9277 / Telephone: (217) 558-2200 / TDD: (800) 526-0844

April 17, 2008

Spencer Robinson  
Register No. N71571  
Dixon Correctional Center

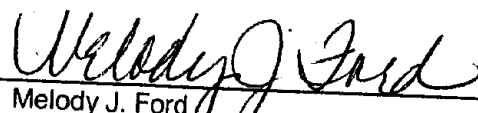
Dear Mr. Robinson:

This is in response to your grievance received on February 6, 2008, regarding mail handling (mail delayed due to non-sufficient postage), which was alleged to have occurred at Dixon Correctional Center. This office has determined the issue will be addressed without a formal hearing.

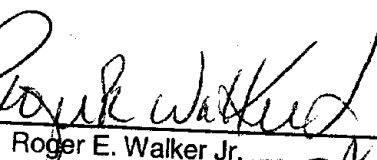
The Grievance Officer's report, 07-12-106, and subsequent recommendation dated January 24, 2008 and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer on January 31, 2008 have been reviewed.

Based on a total review of all available information, it is the opinion of this office that the issue was appropriately addressed by the institutional administration. It is, therefore, recommended the grievance be denied.

FOR THE BOARD:

  
Melody J. Ford  
Administrative Review Board  
Office of Inmate Issues

CONCURRED:

  
Roger E. Walker Jr.  
Director

cc: Warden Nedra Chandler, Dixon Correctional Center  
Spencer Robinson, Register No. N71571





**This Correspondence Is From  
An Inmate Of The Illinois  
Dept Of Corrections**



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